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Tyler here is letter that was signed by the FS to go to the Bears Ears Commission. The relevance of the letter is diminishing as the designation of Bears Ears was back in December.

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Attached is 1 of the 5 letters still on Ed's desk awaiting signature.  
They went downstairs to Ed during the week of January 23, 2017.

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Herman G. Honanie, Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe  
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Dear Chairman Honanie:

On December 28, 2016, President Barack Obama established the Bears Ears National Monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act to preserve numerous objects of scientific and historic interest located throughout this 1.35 million-acre monument. The National Monument includes federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service. The monument is located within in San Juan County, Utah. As the regional leaders of these two federal agencies, we are writing to initiate collaboration with the Bears Ears Commission Tribal members, as outlined in the proclamation.

The Presidential proclamation has identified numerous steps that must be taken to collaboratively determine the appropriate management of the National Monument, including the establishment of an Advisory Committee, a Bears Ears Commission (Commission), and the development of a Monument Management Plan. The proclamation specified that the Commission will consist of one elected officer designated by the following Tribes-Hopi Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah Ouray, and Zuni Tribe. We understand that the Tribes have already begun internally deliberating to identify their respective appointments to the Bears Ears Commission. The proclamation also states that the Commission may adopt such procedures as it deems necessary to govern its activities. We look forward to working with you and the Commission as the two agencies implement the intent of the President's proclamation. We also commit to providing you with updates on any additional progress and steps in the establishment and administration of the new National Monument.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Agencies' point of contacts, Bureau of Land Management, Donald Hoffheins at (435) 587-1506 or U.S. Forest Service, Mark Pentecost at 435-636-3536 or [bpentecost@fs.fed.us](mailto:bpentecost@fs.fed.us).

We are sincerely looking forward to our future cooperation to honor the direction and spirit of the Presidential Proclamation to ensure that management decisions affecting the monument reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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